

# Harding Is A Real Mascot for Senators Against Yanks, but Hylan Is No Help to the Giants

## Hugmen Start Well, but Fade Out and Washington Wins, 6-5

### President Throws Out First Ball While Record Crowd of 30,000 Cheers; Gharriy's Hit in the Eighth Inning Sends Winning Run Over Plate

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The capacity crowd at American League Park arose today in unison to welcome Warren G. Harding, first citizen of the land, as he entered his field box with Mrs. Harding, Secretary of State Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, Secretary of War Weeks and a few other dignitaries. The President made good his promise given to Clark Griffith at the winter session of the league magnates, and tossed out the ball to start the season on its way.

Brick Owens, umpire in chief, was all set to receive the sphere, but George Morgiege reached out a port flapper, snatched the ball, put it in his hip pocket and proceeded to the mound with just an ordinary ball for purposes of deceiving opposing batters.

As soon as the Presidential party was seated, the flag raising ceremonies were started with eighteen varieties of military and naval representatives in line, including high school cadets, boy scouts, naval militia, marine, plain doughboys and deep sea sailors. The band led the long march across the field, with Babe Ruth, Clark Griffith and Ban Johnson representing the civilian population. The column was flanked by the ball teams in extended order, with the Washington team sagging in and out like an excited acrobat while the crowd howled with laughter.

### Crowd a Record Maker

When George Morgiege slipped one of his best port stunts across the plate in the ninth inning for the third strike on Wally Pipp before the largest crowd that ever saw an exhibition of the national pastime in this city, the Yankee team was humbled by the rejuvenated Senators, 6 to 5. Nearly 30,000 rabid fans crowded American League Park. They had the seats of the new double deck stands bulging, they were seated all around the field on the greenward, they were perched on the fences, roosted on neighboring roofs and hung suspended from trees just over the fence. The Polish President Warren G. Harding was right there with his score card and pencil, keeping tabs on all the casualties as the home team broke all attendance records by capturing an opening contest before a huge crowd.

Sam "Bumpus" Jones admitted the mound for the Yankees, and the one-sided game was certainly bumped during the ceremonies incident to removing the lid from the 1922 baseball season. However, the total of fifteen safeties garnered by the Senators during the first four innings was not a factor in the contest by any means. The Hugmen were charged with too official errors, but there were unofficial bobbles galore, and these were the ones that made life miserable for the New York twirler.

The blinding sun in left field proved too much for "Chick" Fawcett to continue, and after the second inning he was replaced by a two-bagger, the Baltimore gamecock elected himself center field on the spot, hung his smoked glasses on the unwilling proboscis of Phil "Fitter" Miller, and started his victim in the general direction of the hated sun field. Luckily for Elmer, no more flies came that way during the eighth inning.

### Homer for Hornsby As Cards Defeat The Pirates 10 to 1

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12.—The Cardinals opened the 1922 National League season today before a crowd estimated at 18,000, with a 10 to 1 victory over Pittsburgh. The Cardinals' regular lineup was somewhat changed, due to the illness of Fred Clarke, who was finally chalked up the winning tally in the eighth inning.

Peck's Slip Not Costly

Ralph Peckhough made an unusual play to start the season. Improvvising a dropkick and a punt, he kicked the ball into the hands of the Baltimore gamecock, who looted the sky-serpent, and when it popped out of Peck's hands it was a home run. The President, the bandmaster and 30,000 spectators. No harm was done by the incident.

The Senators caught a little flurry in the first inning by scoring the first run of the season on Joe Judge's slashing single to right and a double by Sam Rice in the third. The Yankees, however, were not to be outdone, and scored four runs in the next stanza. With two out and Wally Pipp on second, Schang singled and tied the score. Sam Rice then hit a double to the center field barrier, and Elmer Miller got another two-sacker when Rice lost his ball in the sun. Phil Fawcett stepped in to loop up the good work, but Frank Baker belted his title of Trappe Mauler by taking three healthy swings and retiring the side.

The Senators bounced right back from this shock with two tallies on their own hook. Stanley Harris belted himself to a real two-bagger, and after the two innings the Yankees were again humiliated. George Morgiege rocked the bat with a young and unseasoned fly ball that fell safely among Scott Fawcett and Miller. Joe Judge stepped in to loop up the good work, but Frank Baker belted his title of Trappe Mauler by taking three healthy swings and retiring the side.

The hitting was good in all directions. It was apparently a large afterthought for every one except the pitcher, Wally Pipp singled in the third, Scott sprang a safety to center and Wally Schang ripped a double to center, on which the deacon was thrown out at first. On the fourth, Scott and Pipp singled in the fourth, and when the Yankee first baseman tallied on Scott's safe blow. That was all the scoring done by the Hugmen during the first three innings. In fact, they hardly ever threatened to dent the pan theafter, and collected only two more hits in the last six innings, with a total of nine for the day.

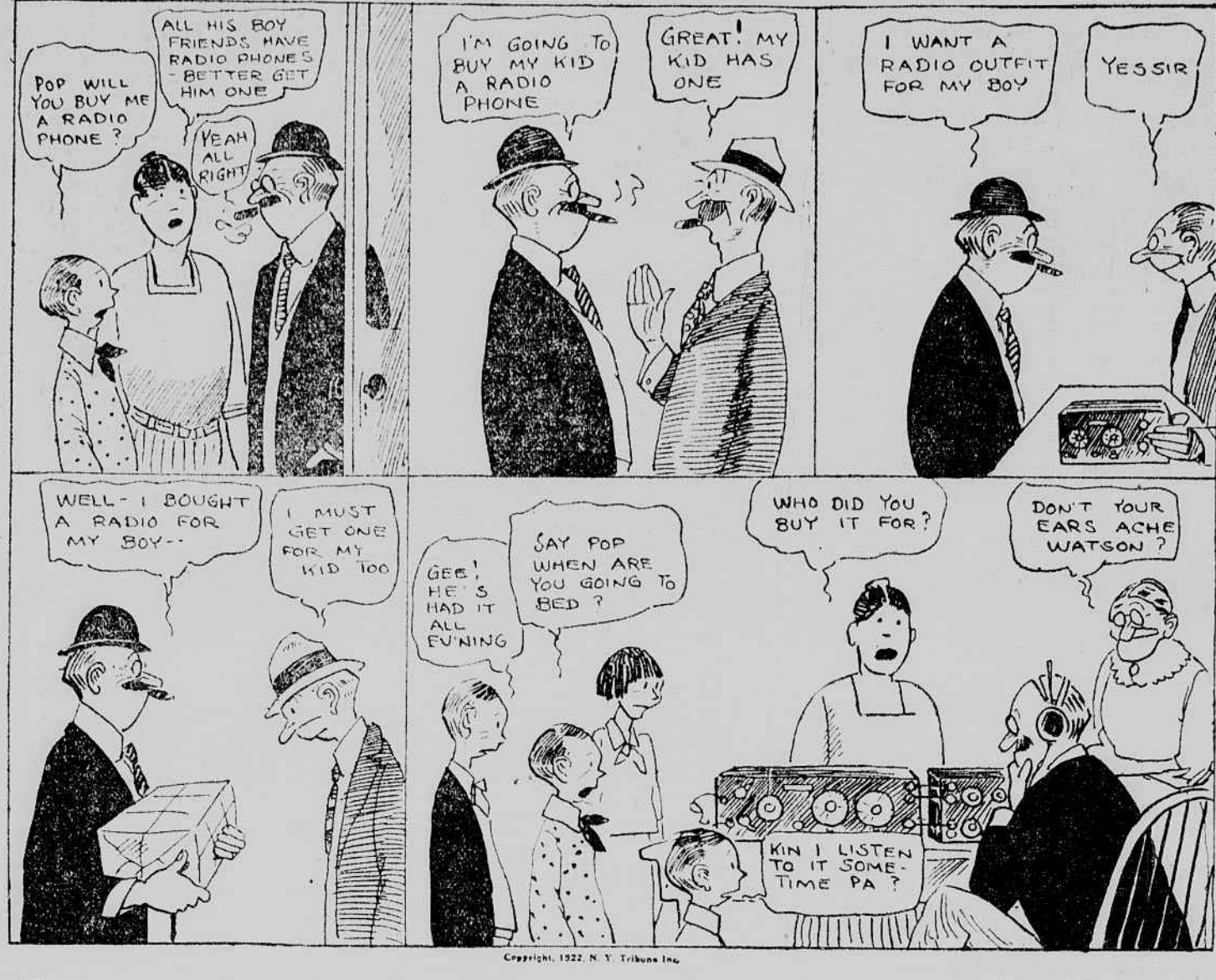
### Fewster Loses Another

It was on a freak double by Harris to start the fourth inning that Fewster became the victim of the worst situation in life. Chick saw Sam Jones throw the ball up and heard the crack of the bat, and while all the other fielders ran around excitedly the Baltimore gamecock stood stock still, scanning the skies for just a glimpse of the recent ball. He was still peering through his smoked glasses toward the sun when the ball rolled almost to his feet. Chick reached in disgust at the spot and retired to the safer regions of center field. Another double by Joe Judge against the right field wall scored Harris and brought the score to 4 to 1.

It stayed that way until the seventh, when Peck singled past his old side partner, Frank Baker, took second on a short passed ball and rode home to tie the score on Earl Smith's safe blow to the right garden. The winning tally

## It Happens in the Best Regulated Families

By BRIGGS



## Bunched Hitting Wins for Indians Over Tigers, 7-4

CLEVELAND, April 12.—Cleveland opened the season with a 7 to 4 victory over Detroit, Morton outpitching Oldham and Olsen. Cleveland bunched its hits; McInnis, playing his first game as an Indian, leading with a single, double and triple. Veatch, of Detroit, hit a home run with one on. Cold weather held the attendance down.

The score: CLEVELAND (A. L.) 7, DETROIT (A. L.) 4. Two-base hits—Holloman, Helmsman, White. Three-base hit—McInnis. Home runs—Holloman, Helmsman, White. Double plays—Jones and Sewell, Helmsman and White. Errors—Holloman, Helmsman, White. Time of game—2:31.

### Faber's Passes Costly; Browns Victors, 3 to 2

CHICAGO, April 12.—St. Louis defeated Chicago, 3 to 2, in the opening game of the American League season here today. The two Urbans—Faber and Shocker—were on the mound, and the former held the visitors to three hits, while the latter was touched for nine. Faber, however, issued three walks, and two of them developed into runs.

### Three Members of Penn Nine Listed Ineligible

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Marshall Payne, star third baseman of the University of Pennsylvania baseball team, today was declared ineligible for the remainder of the season by the faculty of the Wharton School of Finance.

### Cap. Anson Improving

CHICAGO, April 12.—Adrian C. "Cap" Anson was reported slightly improved today at St. Luke's Hospital, where he underwent a minor operation recently. He is expected to be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

### Up to Date

Makes inhumanity to man Makes countless thousands rush the can, Or rather, such synthetic juice As they can gather for their use.

## The SPORTLIGHT

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And Yet—  
The umpire's life is not so rough  
As it was in the good old days;  
His own career is not so tough  
As when he used to call close plays;  
And yet I know a job or two  
I'd rather have—and so do you.

They may not crown the umpire now  
For pulling some erratic bone,  
Nor toss against his clammy brow  
The festive bottle, deftly thrown.  
Yet, Evans, Rigler and O'Day  
Come close to earning all their pay.

There are sad moments now and then  
Where mentally I have the group;  
Sequestered in my lonely den,  
My fountain pen is full of soup.  
And yet I never, with a throb,  
Write Ban or Heydler for a job.

In one of his trick shots Joe Kirkwood lifts his head, looks away from the ball in the direction of the crowd, and then makes a perfect 200-yard wallop. Proving, you may say, that one after all doesn't have to keep his eye on the ball. Precisely. If one is a Kirkwood. You may also notice in this stunt that Kirkwood, after lifting his head, keeps it anchored as he swings. It is not so much the act of lifting the eye away from the golf ball as it is lifting the head while the swing is under way that brings about the resultant damage, replete with vocal passion or despair.

### Also in Batting

All great batsmen watch the flight of the ball after it leaves the pitcher's fingers. Many batting slumps are brought about because the hitter lets his eye shift for a moment, and once the ball pops out of his vision the big bludgeon beholders only the empty air.

### Brain and Brawn

It has been charged that a great athletic star gets far more publicity than a great writer or a great artist. This may be true. A great writer doesn't turn out great books or plays as often as Babe Ruth turns out home runs.

A great artist appeals only to a certain class. But when Dempsey fights one finds in the gathering artists, writers, statesmen, sculptors, poets, yeggmen, truck drivers, bankers, judges and longshoremen. The art of Dempsey and of Ruth is better known because, while it operates along the cruder lines, it is also easier to understand.

After all, Caruso was not wholly overlooked. And neither is Charlie Chaplin today.

While Ruth, Dempsey, etc., draw their share of printed acclaim, the writer of a great book or a great play also draws more publicity now than ever before. And a vastly greater collection of kale.

### Financial Rewards

"Babe" Ruth is the highest salaried athlete in sport, since Dempsey isn't responsible for the victory.

Yet his financial harvest for a year is far below that of Booth Tarkington, Mrs. Mary Roberts Rhinehart or many other writers.

Dempsey drew down \$300,000 for one fight. But all this didn't go to Dempsey. And there are ten or twelve motion picture actors or actresses who can make Dempsey's pay check in the course of a year look like lousy money over the week end.

And in the meanwhile it might be suggested that Messrs. Mack Aldrich and George Owen are not collecting a postage stamp for their contributions to the competitive whirl.

## Athletics Start With Victory Over Red Sox, Score 3-2

BOSTON, April 12.—Philadelphia defeated Boston 3 to 2 in opening the local season today. Although the weather was cold and threatening the attendance was more than 10,000. A parade to the flagpole preceded the game and the Stars and Stripes were raised by Governor Cox and Mayor Curley.

Boston obtained an early lead and then permitted Philadelphia to come from behind in the seventh inning and score two runs on two errors. Quinn's error-thrown ball enabled Galloway to score the tying run and on Ray's miff of O'Rourke's throw Helms made the winning tally. The batting of Galloway, who made two doubles and a single, featured.

### Giants' Infield Fast

McGraw turned out for inspection and operated a slashing infield, ever at the short of the valuable services of the peerless Frank Frisch. It had speed and range, albeit it faltered sometimes. Aces of yardage were covered by Rawling, Kelly, Bancroft and Galloway. None put more heart into his work than the new member, Groh.

Pre-game frills were few. All that was of them was the band conveying Mayor Hylan across the field to the clubhouse where the Mayor sat with Governor Edwards of New Jersey. Mayor Hylan threw out the first ball. On the other side of the field, at the base of the first base line, a wreath was placed there by the Giants. No sentiment in baseball? Lots of it, and in this case prompting a tribute to the memory of the former player and fallen star.

All sorts of nervousness afflicted the New York side in the first three innings. Nehf hit a batter and walked another. Hylan across the field to the third base line. The last one thus favored was Ivan Olson, with one out. High hit to Rawlings, who forced Olson at second, but when Nehf threw low to first as Olson tried to advance, the inexperienced High hotfooted all the way to third. Whereat Johnston drove a ground ball at Bancroft and it lay daylight through Dave. High scored on the error.

He made three singles and deserved four, but in the first inning High robbed him. The recruit jumped for a savage one from Dave's cudgel and throttled it with both hands—real fireworks—and after Rawlings fled to Nehf Johnston got permissively busy and smothered one from Young, running and with one hand. Olson, High and Schmandt whipped in with a double play in the second inning, after Olson had opened with a fidgety boot on Young.

### Brooklyn Scores in Fourth

Two solid doubles earned a run for Brooklyn in the fourth. Neil and DeBerry made them. The bases swarmed with Giants in both the second and third innings. After the double play in the second inning, passed Kelly rather than grove one, Shinn, singled and Snyder was passed to get at Nehf. Nehf rolled to Olson. In the third Bancroft cracked Johnston on the shin, which was a lucky blow. Rawlings fled out, Groh walked, Olson threw out Young, Meusel walked and Kelly hit High to Wheat.

The Giants had sixteen men on bases, but few to reach home. Ruetheer habitually bore down. Meusel, in the fifth, got hold of one and opened the home run season. He lifted the ball into the right field grand stand near the foul boundary. The bases were barren at the time, so the Brooklyn weren't un-

## Ruether's Pitching Baffles New York Batsmen in Pinches

### McGrawmen Fill Bases Twice in Early Innings, but Fail to Score on Him

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prophetic of whetted and abiding interest. The Giants were hasten, but the fans liked everything about them except their stockings. The stuff is there. The Dodgers, for their part, all spring have shown they are a team to be reckoned with. They outplayed the Giants yesterday; they outfielded them. In the first inning, with balls coming hot off the New York bats, the earnest Dodgers proved their temper.

The Brooklyn infielders snapped up viciously driven balls, ferried them posthaste and on a bee line to the devoting maw of their first baseman, and cut the Giants down with an emphatic and vindictive intent, proof positive they were out to win against world's champions or what not.

### New York Errors Costly

Unstable fielding brought defeat to the Giants. More well scattered for of the cleverest kind was done by them, but their defense had its haggard moments, and these were deadly. Nehf, Bancroft and Rawlings made an error each, and the upset of each was a run. Misplays aren't often so hauntingly costly, and in addition, two of the bases on balls given by Nehf counted in the all too prodigious run making of the communal invaders.

Manager McGraw and Manager Robinson chose wisely with their respective selections of Arthur Nehf and Walter Ruether for the first game. Each southpaw pitched well, pitched adequately. The flaws of Nehf's support, to which he himself contributed, ditched him. But his pitching was better. Ruether's was better.

Both kept their wits well scattered for New York's nine and Brooklyn's eight were strewn over the last eight innings fairly widely. Two were the most in any one inning. Ruether, with a lead of 2 to 0, was hit by Nehf. Both had a wicked hook. The Brooklynite stood up coolly to a threatening New York rally in the ninth, when the least kind of hitch or stumble would have meant victory turned to defeat.

Andy High, the Memphis lad, filled in a gap at shortstop for Brooklyn, with playing which delighted onlookers of Brooklyn persuasion so scattered for the work of the front garden. There must have been something in the soil of second base, worm cases of bacteria, or something that bred fumbles. Ruether, with a lead of 2 to 0, was hit by Nehf. Both had a wicked hook. The Brooklynite stood up coolly to a threatening New York rally in the ninth, when the least kind of hitch or stumble would have meant victory turned to defeat.

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### How about a good ward for the umpires? One is due the Messrs. O'Day and Hart. Their work was excellent.

They're picking the New York team to win the pennant and the Philadelphia team to finish last. Maybe, but has happened; but in passing he said that yesterday both New York teams lost and both Philadelphia teams won.

### Shinn's played center field in first class style, and not the least skillful of his feats was his handling of ground balls.

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